

10A GRAMMAR adding emphasis (2): cleft sentences

- a Rewrite these sentences starting with *The person*, *The place*, *The first / last time*, or *The reason*. Keep the emphasis on the **bold** phrase.

1 I've always wanted to visit **Istanbul** more than anywhere else.

The place I've always most wanted to visit is Istanbul.

2 He married her **for her money**.

3 She loves **her niece** more than anyone else in the world.

4 I saw her for the last time in **October**.

5 It's **my sister** who really understands how I feel.

6 We retired early **in order to have time to enjoy life**.

7 I relax most in **the garden**.

8 I met David for the first time **just after I graduated**.



- b Complete the second sentence so that it emphasizes the words in **bold**.

1 **His unhealthy diet** really worries me.

What *really worries me is his unhealthy diet*.

2 My son is crazy about **skateboarding**.

What _____.

3 They just want to **lie on a beach and relax**.

All _____.

4 I'm desperate for a **nice cup of tea**.

What _____.

5 The restaurant was made special by **the atmosphere** rather than the food.

It _____.

6 I don't want to **be late for work tomorrow**.

What _____.

7 She only asked for a **glass of water**.

All _____.

8 **Alec** was a professional footballer when he was young, not Darren.

It _____.

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- c Complete the sentences about yourself.

- The reason I'm learning English is _____.
- What I most like about my English class is _____.
- The thing that bothers me most in the cinema, theatre, or at a concert is _____.
- The person I spend the most time with is _____.
- What really annoys me on trains, planes, or buses is when people _____.
- When I'm on holiday, all I want to do is _____.